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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

--8. A method for treating an individual in need of suppressing or ameliorating a symptom accompanying diminished homeostasis, comprising:
administering a composition comprising theanine to the individual in need thereof.

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